



Do Everything with Love
(1 Corinthians 16:14)



July Newsletter 2022



Note from Mrs Christopher

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Another year has flown past and we can see our little ones growing in mind and body as they prepare to move up to another school year. 'Time goes too quickly' is a phrase we have all heard and it is certainly true in this case. The children have worked hard this year and I want to thank them for all their hard efforts. As it's my last week at the school, I want you to know how grateful I have been for your support and trust since I started here in January 2019. At that time, we had no idea of the pandemic that was to come but I believe we all grew closer as a consequence and began to understand each other more. I have loved my time here and have mixed emotions about leaving – so sad to be saying goodbye to all the wonderful children and staff but also excited at the new journey I will be taking in my early retirement. As many of you know, prayer has been my strength throughout in the good times and the bad times. The prayers that children write are the most poignant prayers of all as they come straight from their hearts. I felt very touched this week when one Year 5 child showed me the prayer poem he had written in memory of his grandad who died recently. How lovely it is to know that this form of stillness and expression can support us and bring comfort in times of need.

I'd like to end by sharing one of our children's prayers:

Help me, Lord, to remember and not to forget: that as a child of your family, at any age, I can pray and ask for your guidance; that as a follower of yours, I can make a difference in the world by speaking the truth; that as a member of the human family, I can act responsibly and lead others to do the same.

Best wishes and thank you everyone,

Mrs Christopher



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Staffing Plans for September

Plan for class teachers, higher learning teaching assistants (HLTAs) and teaching assistants (TAs) for September 2022:

Reception (Maple) : Mrs Hall (4 days) & Miss Long (Fridays)

TA Mrs Goodfield

Year 1 Elm:

Miss Mallon

TA Mrs Chaffey

Year 2 Sycamore:

Mrs Quinn

TA Mrs Welsh

Year 3 Beech :

Mrs Henderson

TA Mrs Pearson

Year 4 Oak:

Mr Pickavance & Miss Long (interventions Wednesday)

TA Mrs Foy ams

Year 5 Willow:

Miss Fountain

TA Miss Bufton

Year 6 Rowan:

Miss Cheeseman & Mrs Dowling

TA Miss Williams

Our new executive headteacher for September, **Mrs Paula Fearne**, has already met the children and is looking forward to meeting you all in September.

Please note that all children will be expected in correct school uniform in September.

<http://www.stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk/website/uniform/4437>

Good bye Year 6

This week we will be saying goodbye to our beautiful children in Year 6.

You are all very special to us and all the staff wish you well in the next step of your education. We hope you will take with you the Gospel and Respect values learned at St Mary & St Joseph's and become good role models and inspiring leaders in your next school.

God bless you all.

May The Road Rise Up To Meet You



*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you
In the palm of His hand.*

Traditional Gaelic Blessing

www.lords-prayer-words.com

Year 6 Performance

Last week our Year 6 children performed Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' to the school and an evening performance to their families. We were amazed at the way they were able to learn so many lines, songs and dances in such a short space of time. It was also wonderful to see how their self-confidence has grown over the years so that they can now stand on a stage and speak to an audience – well done Year 6!



This month's Reading Champions – 200 signatures



Y1 - Eve, Seb, Jamie, Eddie, Mathilde

Y2 – Aisling

Y3 – Caitlin

Y4 – Charlie

Although our current champions don't get certificates, it is important to mention that they are still carrying on their good example of reading daily.

Jasmine told me she now has 300 signatures – good work Jasmine!

Safety News We would like to again remind everyone of the importance of safe driving

at drop off and pick up times. One parent mentioned how fast cars are driving past in the mornings. More possible dangers seem to arise on wet weather days. On these days, visibility is even worse so please take more caution on those days to double check and drive slowly. Please also remember '**Blake's request**' to avoid leaving engines running so as not to add more pollution in the air. **Please also drive slowly at drop off and pick up times as the children are very excited coming to school in their scooters and bikes and are not always aware of traffic dangers.**



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2022

Reading for pleasure has a very positive impact on educational performance. The UK government's Education Research Standards Team tells us, *"Evidence suggests that there is a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment."*

Over the last few years, we have introduced many successful strategies in helping children to discover the joy of reading and as a result, their comprehension, vocabulary and writing are all improving. However, sometimes, this progress can dip over the summer for some children so we have come up with ideas to help keep up this interest so that the interest and joy continues:

Summer reading Challenge:

Look out this summer for the GADGETEERS book collection – books for all ages inspired by tales of creativity and invention, a celebration of reading, discovering the amazing science and innovation themed recommendations. Join at any Dorset, or Community Managed Library or online at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



We know that not all children are natural avid readers. There are some top tips for parents on the link below which will help to encourage reluctant readers.

https://www.parentkind.org.uk/Parents/Reading-with-your-kids?gclid=Cj0KCQjw0rr4BRCtARIsAB0_48M0NNfkButQoAQUh6lbfYuvTA-XNSStgT7cw-ZHyU9cSxR7YDBHetPkaAlByEALw_wcB

Our attendance Percentage this year is 95% which means we have reached our target for this year.

Last week, our attendance officer visited the school to discuss in particular any pupils with attendance figures below 90%. You will have all been given your child's attendance information in their end of year report. After highlighting the high number of 'Late' figures on our register last time, the officer was pleased to see that much effort is being put into getting children to school on time. We all understand the stresses of getting up and out in the mornings but regular lateness is unsettling for the child and for the rest of the class as lesson inputs have already taken place making the day a little more stressful for them. If you still find it difficult in the mornings in September, speak to us for support. Also, click on the link below to listen to some top tips that may help.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIXA57ol848>



Preparations for September 2022

1. The Government has produced a 'white paper' document stating that all schools should deliver 32.5 hours of education for the pupils from September 2022. This means that our gates will open at 8:40am but CLOSE 5 MINUTES EARLIER –AT 8:50 am. The end of the day time will also change, moving forwards to **3:15pm**. This means that all children should aim to be in school for 8:40 am ready for their settling in activity (the morning 'must'). **The register will close at 8:50am** so any arrivals after this will be marked as 'late' on the register.
2. There will only be 2 entrance gates from September 2022. KS1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2) will enter and leave via the green gate next to the car park. KS2 (Years 3,4,5,6) will enter and leave by the Folly Lane gate.
3. There will be a swap in **classrooms** for Years 1 and 2 next year. This is due to the larger number of the current Year 1 class who would be better suited to the larger room (the room they are currently in). The current Reception class will use Mrs Dale's room as their classroom for September.
4. PE kits will continue to be worn on PE days. A list of the PE days for each class will be sent out in September.
5. Children in years 1-6 start back at school on Monday 5th Sept 2022.

Please see calendar link <http://www.smsjwool.dorset.sch.uk/website/calendar/1116>



The PTFA raised £3,286 in the past year. This money is coming from the Christmas Fayre and the Circus event. This money will be used to cover the coach costs for class school trips and the surplus also paid for the recent Science workshops which the children really enjoyed.

Thank you to all the members this year for the amount of time and energy you spent in the background and on the day preparing for the events this year.

At the AGM meeting on June 28th, a new committee was voted as follows...

New Committee Members for September 2022

Chair: Rachael Walder

Vice Chair: Joanna Brown

Treasurer: Charlotte Merry

Secretary: Mrs Chubb

The old and the new committee would like to remind everyone that although there is a named committee, the PTFA belongs to all parents and teachers and the committee rely on the good will from everyone to support the running of events throughout the year. The new committee are looking forward to organising events next term and request that all parents will offer their support at some of these events - supervising stalls, selling tickets etc. so that the event can run smoothly and have many helping hands.

Thank you everyone,



Be safe in summer heat!

No matter what type of skin children have, they all need sun protection. Please teach your child to put sun cream before they come to school each day. Remind them to bring their sun hats too!

Last Eco Top tip from our Year 5 Eco Committee

Avoid single use plastic items!

